newsline extra

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Census data center holds conference in July

People interested in learning the latest demographic information should consider attending the Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) annual conference, held on July 20, 2004. The conference will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, and will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

   Session topics will include information about the Census Bureau's new American Community Survey, updates on the MCDC Web site, estimates and projections for population trends, and updates to data mapping. Time has also been reserved during the conference to discuss how the MCDC can better serve your needs.

   For registration information and a detailed description of the conference, visit http://mcdc.missouri.edu/training. Registration for the conference costs $65 and registration forms are due by July 10. Please contact Nathaniel Albers, State Library Technology and Census Services Consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 14, or at nathaniel.albers@sos.mo.gov if you have any questions.

Expanded MOREnet training opportunities available

Opportunities for MOREnet training have expanded, courtesy of the State Library and the REAL Program. Trainers are now available to visit libraries and offer appropriately selected classes from the MOREnet schedule. The REAL Program will cover the travel expenses for the trainers, and courses can be scheduled based on the trainer availability.

   Staff from any public library participating in the REAL Program can attend the training sessions, which must have eight persons registered per course and held at a computer lab with appropriate training capabilities. Libraries are also responsible for registering attendees with MOREnet.

   Descriptions of courses can be found on the MOREnet Web site at http://www.more.net/training/descriptions-index.html. Please contact Pamela Brady at 800-509-6673 or pamela@more.net to schedule an in-service training class.

MLNC offers summer training schedule

MLNC recently announced its summer training opportunities, which are described on their Web site at http://www.mlnc.org/Workshops/workshops.html. Course topics range from OCLC cataloging and interlibrary loan to an LITA regional institute on proxy Web servers. Classes in July and August are as follows:

- July 8   Library of Congress Subject Headings - Columbia (class is full; wait list only)
- July 20   Map Cataloging: the Basics - St. Louis
- July 23   LITA Regional Institute: Proxy Web Servers and Authentication - Independence
- August 6   Introducing OCLC Connexion Browser - St. Louis
- August 12   Introducing OCLC Connexion Browser - Independence
- August 13   Introducing OCLC Connexion Browser - Columbia
- August 17   Introduction to MARC Tagging and Coding - Independence
- August 19   Introduction to MARC Tagging and Coding - Springfield
- August 24   OCLC ILL for New Users - St. Louis
- August 26   OCLC ILL for New Users - Independence

Libri Foundation grant deadline approaching

Application deadlines for the next round of Libri Foundation grants are due by July 15, 2004. The Libri Foundation helps rural libraries acquire new, quality hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. Over $2,300,000 worth of new children's books have been donated to more than 1,800 libraries since the foundation was established in 1989.

To encourage and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsors from $50 to $350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. After a library receives the grant, local sponsors have a set length of time to raise the matching funds. Librarians select the books from a booklist provided by the Foundation, with over 700-plus fiction and non-fiction titles targeted for children ages 12 and under.

Libraries should serve a population under 10,000, be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. For application procedures and deadlines, visit the Foundation's Web site at http://www.librifoundation.org/.